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TOPIC Fire Protection Guards at Major Railroad Bridges in the Soviet Zone of Germany

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"Fire protection guards have been posted at all major railroad bridges since 1 July 1950. Bridges are guarded round-the-clock in three 8-hour shifts. The guards are not armed, most of them are retired railroadmen". *

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- * [REDACTED] Comment. This information is credible. Almost all locomotives in the Soviet Zone of Germany are fired with brown coal. During mid-summer the hot cinders and dropping ashes caused by the use of brown coal constitute an increased danger to the large number of temporary wooden bridges. The measure probably has neither political nor military significance.

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